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BOARD MEETING MINUTES May 11, 2011

PRESENT: Candice Colby

Lynn Hoffman-Brouse

John McCarthy

Nancy Boskoff, Executive Director Kim Duffin, Assistant Director Casey Jarman, Programs Director

Roni Thomas, Public Art Program Manager

EXCUSED: Allison Barclay

Laura Dupuv

Rebecca Guevara

Bruce Miya Logan Sisam Helen Peters

Jeanette Sawaya

Michael Mack

Brent Schneider

I. Call to Order

In Mr. Mack's absence, Mr. McCarthy called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. There being no quorum present, approval of minutes was deferred to the June board meeting.

II. Arts Events Discussion

Mr. McCarthy invited board members to describe arts events they had attended. In Ms. Peters' absence, she had sent in a report of the events she attended which was read into the record.

III. City Budget Report

Mr. McCarthy asked Ms. Boskoff for an update on the City's budget process for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011. She reported that the Mayor's recommended budget included a \$50,000 increase in the Arts Council's Non-departmental appropriation. She reminded the board members that they had sent a letter, with supporting materials, to the Mayor requesting an increase of \$105,000. Ms. Boskoff noted that although the Mayor's recommended budget does not fully meet the request, it will certainly be helpful with the Arts Council's budget situation. The board suggested that a similar letter be sent to the City Council to assist with their budget deliberations.

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Ms. Boskoff reminded the board members that the June board meeting will be held on June 22, so that there will be time for both a current year adjusted budget, if necessary, and a projected budget for next fiscal year can be prepared for review and action.

IV. Staff Reports

- A. Ms. Thomas reported that the public art website is close to being published online, and will include information for artists and for the general public about the program. She noted that she will be engaging a photographer to photodocument those works in the collection for which the Arts Council does not have images, and that she is engaging a contract worker to inventory and complete condition reports on the artwork located in the Salt Lake City & County Building.
- B. Mr. Jarman noted that the Living Traditions Festival would be presented the following weekend and distributed programs and sponsor badges to the board members. He invited them to visit and enjoy the festival.
- Mr. Jarman addressed planning for the 2011 Twilight Concert Series, noting that the program will be held at Pioneer Park, that there will be seven concerts this year, and that sponsorship revenue is up over last year. He noted that there are quite a few concerts in the community this summer and that we'll see how that affects the program. He briefly discussed budget issues related to the Twilight Concerts, and noted that a press event would be held before the end of May to announce the details of the season.
- C. Mr. Duffin asked Ms. Hoffman-Brouse to describe the visual arts committee selection process for the 2012 season. She explained that six exhibits were selected from 66 applications. In addition to these six shows, the annual Holiday Craft Exhibit & Sale will be held on the main level. She discussed the process, which includes narrowing the field and then pairing the selected artists to create the season. Mr. Duffin referred the board members to the calendar on the agenda, noting that a group photography exhibit in the Park Gallery had been added to the shows that open on June 24. Mr. Duffin reported that the artists' reception for the current exhibit was lively and well attended.

He reported on activity in the City Arts Grants program, including the June 13 deadline for General Support and Project Support applications, and noted that the summer issue of the newsletter would be distributed on June 1.

D. Ms. Boskoff reported that the two individuals filling in until an administrative secretary is hired have been extremely helpful. She noted that the position was advertised for City employees first and that the interviews with those candidates had just been conducted.

Ms. Boskoff referred the board members to the materials attached to the agenda, including a *Tribune* editorial on Mayor Becker's budget that includes mention of his recommendation for the Arts Council; an article on the future of the Garfo Gallery and Visual Art Institute, currently located in the old Garfield Elementary School; an article on the consultants' final report on the

proposed large theatre downtown; and an article about Ella Knight, written by Sydney Fonnesbeck, in the most recent issue of the Greater Avenues Community Council newsletter.

Ms. Boskoff provided a review of a series of "conversations" about the cultural core, related to the recent agreement between Salt Lake City and Salt Lake County to combine resources to promote arts and culture in downtown Salt Lake City.

Ms. Boskoff distributed a report prepared by Ms. Moon regarding the recent review by the Grants Committee of the Artist-in-the-Classroom application for next school year. She noted that Ms. Moon prepared a written report as well as a map which shows the locations of the schools that are recommended to receive a grant, noting that the geographic distribution is quite good. Ms. Colby, chair of the Grants Committee, reported that the review meeting for Artist-in-the-Classroom was very productive, with a good discussion not only about the applications but also about issues related to this grant category.

Ms. Moon's report also includes notes on two other programs she is working on: the *Local Arts Index* study and the Arts Learning grant category.

V. Other Business/Adjourn

There being no further business, Mr. McCarthy adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.